



***Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
“Friday Letter”
To the Board of Directors
May 1, 2015***

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ This past Monday I attended a meeting with the Department of Water Resources in Sacramento. The meeting topic was Sustainable Groundwater Management, and the likelihood of adjusting Basin Boundaries within a particular sub-basin.

The meeting was beneficial if only for the fact that DWR stated, on many occasions, that a boundary change would have more consideration if the proposed boundary change would result in greater ground water sustainability within the new basin boundary.

Additionally, DWR noted that for a change to occur, they would be looking to make sure that all parties within the basin have been consulted on the proposed boundary change and that there is “concurrence” between all parties (they did note that it might be difficult to get 100% concurrence, however). DWR calls out three basic criteria: 1) Likelihood that a basin can be sustainably managed; 2) Whether proposed basin would limit the SGM of the adjacent basin; and 3) Whether there is a history of SGM of groundwater levels in the proposed basin. While we meet all of these criteria, we are *hopeful* that once we submit our package to DWR that they will also agree.

It also appears that both the City of Tracy and the San Luis Delta Mendota Authority will not oppose the Contra Costa 5’s efforts to pursue the boundary change. The CC5 will be meeting with DWR on May 11 to lay out our proposed plans. Basically, they will get the same presentation that the Board received on April 14 from Tom Elson of Luhdorff and Scalmanini.

- ✓ I’ve been really busy this week preparing the letter that I’ll be sending to every household, business and non-local property owner. A copy of the letters is in your agenda packet for Wednesday night.
- ✓ I spent about thirty minutes the other day speaking to a reporter from the San Francisco Chronicle regarding water users and the different tiered approach that the state is considering. As you know, the state has the Town in the highest tier, and is calling for a 36% reduction in water consumption. While certainly a challenge, I believe that we will approach it if the residents take the seriousness of the situation to heart. In any event, the reporter

called me today to tell me that after speaking with me, he drove to Discovery Bay yesterday with a photographer to do more research for his story. He was so complimentary of the residents who invited him into their homes! He let me know that DB will play a prominent role in his story. I said hopefully in a positive light, and he indicated that while there are challenges, he felt we were doing the outreach necessary to achieve the goals. As soon as the article hits, I will forward it to you.

- ✓ The *Brown is the New Green* campaign made a splash this week with the yard signs popping up around town. A number of residents have “Joined the Effort” and have picked up signs to display in their yards.

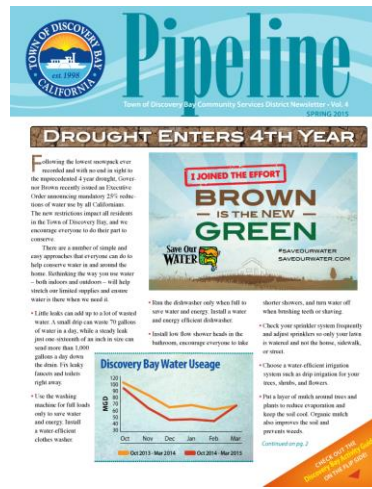
It’s been really interesting, there are a number of residents who are using the “Contact Us” feature of the website and reporting neighbors who overwater. I’ve also fielded a few calls and emails from some not so happy residents.

- ✓ Today’s Press included a “sticky” that informs residents of the Town’s authorized watering schedule, as noted below:



- ✓ As I noted under separate cover earlier today, there is a large fundraising event taking place at the Community Center tomorrow night. A lot of ground was moved to make this happen, and thanks go out to Monica, Dan, Virgil, and Shanae for making certain that the event goes off without any problems. The event is scheduled to end promptly at 10:00 p.m.

- ✓ The latest edition of the Pipeline and Recreation Guide hit mailboxes this week. Here's the front page:



Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

- ✓ The annual Earth Day event took place this past Saturday. And while the crowds were small, it was a very successful event nonetheless. Over 30 vendors, a large contingent of volunteers and residents mingled to the sounds of Blind to Reason.
- ✓ Also as a part of Earth Day, the Dog Park had a “soft” opening. The park is now open, and once we have all of the signage and recognitions in place, we’ll have a Grand Opening with the Chamber performing the Ribbon Cutting for the park.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m.